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In re Application of: )  
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Filed: March 5, 2002 )  
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For: **NUCLEIC ACIDS OF THE HUMAN** )  
**ABCC11 GENE, VECTORS** )  
**CONTAINING SUCH NUCLEIC** )  
**ACIDS AND USES THEREOF** )

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 2, after the title, insert new paragraph as follows:

This application claims the benefit of provisional application number  
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